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## WAR BOYCOTTS.

DESPITE proclamations of neutrality by the President of the United States and other public officials of high rank in this country, the war fever is breaking out in business circles. Men of affairs should have more sense and should show more respect for the neutrality of the country in which they are lucky enough to live and make a livelihood, but ill-feeling is more prevalent than it was in the early days of this war. Business is not helped by the boycotts which the foreigners and descendants of foreigners are setting up against one another. Americans have a right to protest against this and the protests should be all the stronger because many of these disturbers of our happy peace are men prominent in commercial and financial circles.

Secretary of State Bryan might make a beginning by protesting to the German authorities against the conduct of the German consul in San Francisco who has called upon "the twelve million Germans or German Americans" in the United States to boycott all goods produced in countries now at war with Germany. It would be only natural for British, French, Russian, Serbian and other enemies to retaliate by boycotting German goods.

American business men engaged in wholesale and retail trade own and are offering for sale stocks of imported goods and upon them the losses will fall if this boycotting mania is not checked. War has broken out in staid insurance circles. If there is a business on earth that is cool and calculating it is insurance; yet Germans and German-Americans are canceling policies in British companies and the companies themselves are canceling re-insurance policies for national reasons. When the boycotting craze breaks out in insurance circles it can no longer be treated as a joke, as when British subjects refuse to drink German beer and the Germans draw the line at Scotch whisky.

Officially, we are so neutral that military and naval bands have been ordered not to play "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," and our sailors and soldiers must not sing it, because it is the favorite song of Tommy Atkins in the trenches in France and Belgium. Some are poking fun at Secretary Daniels for approving this order, but if it is a mistake it is on the safe side. This general order proves the determined effort of the federal government regarding neutrality. Our foreign guests who enjoy our hospitality and make money here should respect not only our feelings, but our constitutional rights.

## COUNTY TAX MUDDLE.

EITHER the supreme court or the lawyers are responsible for the worst muddle of taxes that has occurred in Nevada during fifty years of ups and downs. To an application for a writ of mandamus compelling Esmeralda county to obey the behest of the Tax Commission the supreme court returned an emphatic "No." That was all. There was no explanation or elucidation of the problem agitating the people and the jurists, with a full knowledge of the fact that every county in the state was more or less interested in the issue, preserved an oracular silence. The result is that Esmeralda county will not reduce the county levy and will profit considerably by the rebellious mood of the county commissioners. There is no doubt but that Esmeralda county will require all the funds she can collect for the maintenance of the county, owing to the increasing business of Goldfield, but it is up to the supreme court to vouchsafe some information for the benefit of those who were not in contumacy. In the case of Tonopah and Nye county there is no serious objection to obeying the mandate of the Tax Commission, since it decreed a reduction of ten cents per hundred dollars, which will insure to the pockets of taxpayers, but, what is to be said about other counties which figured close on their annual budget and are left without adequate means to administer their county affairs? However, the main issue resolves itself into a question of treating all impartially and not making fish of one and flesh of the other. In the proposed reorganization of the Tax Commission by incorporating the duties of that board with the duties of the Railroad and Public Service Commissions the jurisdiction of the new board should be clearly defined so as not to permit the existence of a single loophole for escape.

There is one consolation in contemplating the unquestioned authority of the Tax Commission to increase or decrease the assessed valuation of all property and this is the vital issue. The radical changes ordered in the assessments of the counties will stand and in a majority of cases the county levy will be reduced. The supreme court has not been asked to pass on the validity of this authority and it is stated most of the large taxpayers have signified a willingness to abide by the order. The injustice of one county obtaining reference over another is all that rankles in the public mind and the situation should be cleared of all obscurity to the end that the state will not have another similar conflict next year.

The man with a grouch is making trouble for himself in Lyon county by declaring the construction of the Lahontan dam is giving the lower reaches of the Walker river too much water. Anyway the fish will welcome the change, as they will not have to order skates this year to climb over shallow spots.

London's staid newspapers are taking on a lurid tinge without the aid of red ink and their columns read like the frontier publications of Nevada forty years ago. It is not uncommon to find a bristling British editor declaring a German editor a "lying cur" who circulates "damnable lies."

Goldfield will rejoice over the report from France that the war has not injured the champagne crop. From reliable information it is believed the southern camp is threatened with a violent outbreak of the banquet habit.

For ten years Nevada has been agitating the construction of a fish way at the Derby dam and now, after work has seriously advanced, there is another hitch which causes the profane "Damn the Derby."

## Make it a KODAK Christmas

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Now that the "Wolf of Wall Street" is in the toils we hear that Wall street will open for the bulls and bears. The lambs may be expected to gambol now.

Will we get the straight line on things with the English ruler at the front in Flanders?

The school book poem of Katy-did might voice the story of the war. "She did! She didn't!"

A meeting is to be held in Chicago to let the city go ahead an hour. That town always was a swift peacemaker.

The shortest days of the year come just before Christmas.

## INTERESTING SIDELIGHTS

With its 60,000 automobiles, Nebraska ought to be able to spare a few horses without seriously missing them.—Omaha Bee.

News from Turkey is that the Turks kill and pillage—which seems to be the way war generally is conducted.—Kansas City Star.

Scientists handed Roosevelt another hot one when they showed by recent statistics that there are 16,860, 440,000 other stars.—Lexington Herald.

Britishers who don't drink beer, and hence would escape the war tax of one cent a pint, drink tea, of course. The chancellor of the ex-

chequer proposes a tax of three pence a pound on tea, which he estimates will bring in a revenue of \$4,500,000 this year and \$16,000,000 next. The Britishers must have their tea, war or no war.—Tacoma Ledger.

The Russian water wagon must have sides like a picket fence to prevent the millions of the czar's subjects from falling off.—Milwaukee Wisconsin.

Some fifty-pound ostrich chicks are selling for fifty cents a pound in Chicago. The drumsticks will be about as popular as fried baseball bats.—Minneapolis Journal.

Abel Whittall explains the fact that he has had four wives on the ground that he has always lived in a small community, where the opportunities were limited.—Harrisburg Patriot.

Every tax is a war tax if you fight it.—Dallas News.

One of the main vexations of the idle rich is trying to find lucrative substitutes for work.—Galveston News.

Villa's friends make no secret of it that Villa is bent on being president of the Mexican republic.—Augusta Chronicle.

Those "impossible" romances of Jules Verne will never be to the boy of today what they were to his daddy.—Washington Post.

Ab Adkins says his son-in-law is the kind of a man who is always in a hurry, but doesn't get much work done.—Atchison Globe.

The unprecedented silence about Oyster Bay is so dense and constant as to create the suspicion that it is artificial.—Rochester Post-Express.

From the way King Albert of Belgium fights you would never guess the horrid truth that his middle name is Marie.—Philadelphia Evening Ledger.

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